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Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster Network, the AB5K's AR Clusters Network and K4UEE for the following DX information.

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Bouvet DXpedition (3Y0Z)
January 7, 2019
Subject: Options/Instructions for REFUNDS of Unused DXpedition Funds

Let me take this opportunity to thank you again for your financial support. The DXpedition team members are all extremely disappointed that we were not able to complete our mission. We were offshore Bouvet for three days and encountered extreme weather conditions. While fighting hurricane force winds, one of our vessel's engines was over-stressed and a critical coupling failed. The ship's Captain had no choice but to abort the DXpedition for safety reasons. It was the correct decision, but a huge disappointment after almost three years of planning.

We now have returned our sea container to the US, paid our final bills, and sold equipment to raise funds. After all this, I am happy to report we have a balance in our accounts. I am able to offer you a 48% refund of your original contribution to 3Y0Z. All supporters of our DXpedition are offered the same percentage regardless of whether they are a DX Foundation, DX Club, Individual DXer or DXpedition team member. This is the only fair way to do this!

Many of you have contacted me and indicated that you DO NOT want any refund. So, I want to give everyone several options:

Option 1: I want the refund. Please use my PayPal email address. (No checks or wire transfers please). I respectfully ask that you do not take a refund IF your contribution was \$30 USD or less.

Option 2: I do not want the refund; please donate my refund to the 3Y0Z team. Each member of the DXpedition team has invested consider-

able money, time and effort to try to make this DXpedition a success.

Option 3: I do not want the refund; please donate it to the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) in my name. This will help fund future DXpeditions worldwide.

Option 4: I do not want the refund; please donate it to the International DX Foundation (INDEXA) in my name. This will help fund future DXpeditions worldwide.

DEFAULT OPTION....If you do not respond, we will divide your refund pro-rata (proportional) between the 3Y0Z team, NCDXF, INDEXA and German DX Foundation (GDXF). (These are our largest financial supporters.)

Our DEADLINE for requesting Option 1-4 is March 15, 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: It is not necessary to contact me. If I do not hear from you by the deadline, I will assume the DEFAULT OPTION.

The contact email address is dxped@comcast.net

Again, we very much appreciate your support for this project. The final outcome of this ambitious project is not as we planned or hoped for, but the DXpedition team is home and is safe. We are thankful for that!

Vy 73,
Bob-K4UEE
3Y0Z Co-leader and Chief Financial Officer



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